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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH JAMAICAN EMBASSY WE HAVE PROPOSED JUNE 19-20 AS DATES FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON TEXTILE AGREEMENT. FYI WE WOULD PREFER TO ALLOW PRESENT AGREEMENT TO LAPSE IF JAMAICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY HAS NO CURRENT PLANS FOR RAPID EXPANSION, PARTICULARLY IN THE SENSITIVE APPAREL SECTOR. PRESENT AGREEMENT WOULD BE REPLACED BY BRIEF "AGREEMENT TO CONSULT" WHICH CONTAINS ESSENTIALLY SAME CONSULTATION PROVISIONS AS THOSE IN MFA. WE BELIEVE SUCH A COURSE WOULD BE IN BEST INTEREST OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAMAICANS, BUT WISH TO AVOID NECESSITY OF RENEGOTIATING

AGREEMENT (EXPANDED TO COVER MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES)
IN ONE OR TWO YEARS DUE TO RAPID GROWTH OF JAMAICAN TEXTILE
EXPORTS TO US. END FYI.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO QUANTIFY FUTURE OUTPUT AND
GROWTH OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY OVER NEXT THREE YEARS, GIVING
PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO APPAREL SECTOR. WITHIN APPAREL
SECTOR, US INDUSTRY AND LABOR ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED

ABOUT 807 ITEMS, E.G. CLOTHING SEWN IN JAMAICA FROM
CLOTH CUT AND SOMETIMES WOVEN IN US. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN DEVELOPE PRIOR
TO JUNE 19. KISSINGER

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